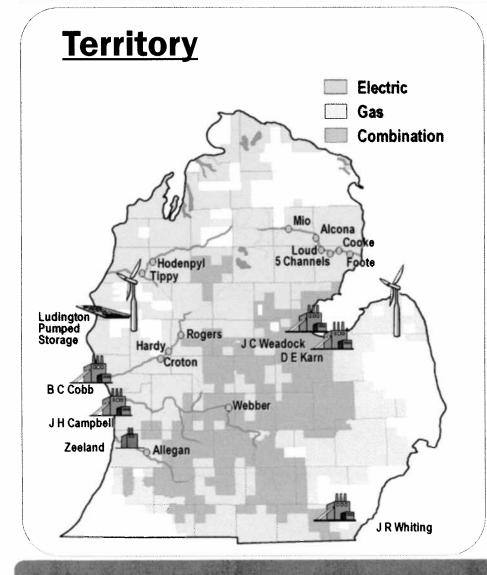
Michigan House Energy Committee Resource Adequacy and Michigan's Challenge

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Overview

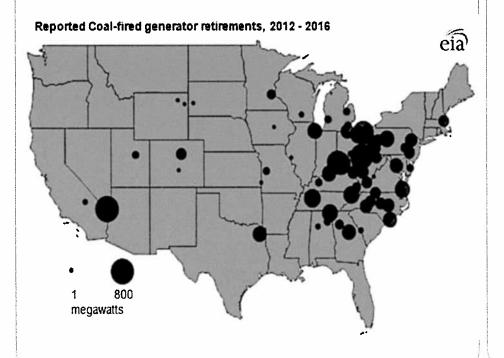
- Fourth largest combination utility in the United States
- 6.6 million Michigan customers in all 68 Lower Peninsula counties



New & Changing EPA Regulations Reshaping Energy Landscape

2016 Projected Coal Retirements

Midwest retirements 11-16 GW projected

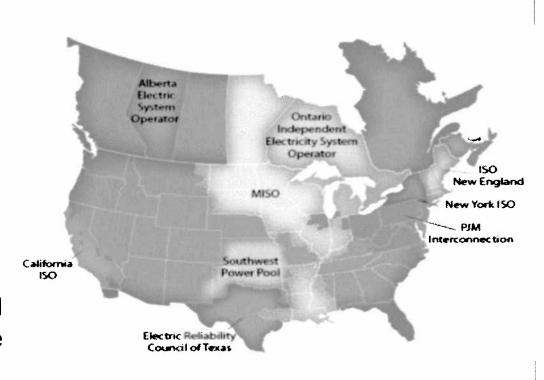


- Current EPA regulations driving shut down of nine Michigan coal plants in 2016 – including our "Classic Seven"
 - Loss of enough energy to supply 1 million customers
- Electric capacity surplus will disappear in Midwest and Michigan
- MISO concerned about having enough power to meet demand
- EPA's Clean Power Plan will likely lead to more plant retirements after 2020

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Regional Transmission Organization Territories

- Established by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- MISO ensures daily reliability and electric grid stability across
 15 states and Manitoba
- MISO operates daily energy and ancillary service markets as well as an annual Planning Resource Auction



Transmission planning is federally regulated. Generation planning is state regulated.

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Resource Adequacy Requirements

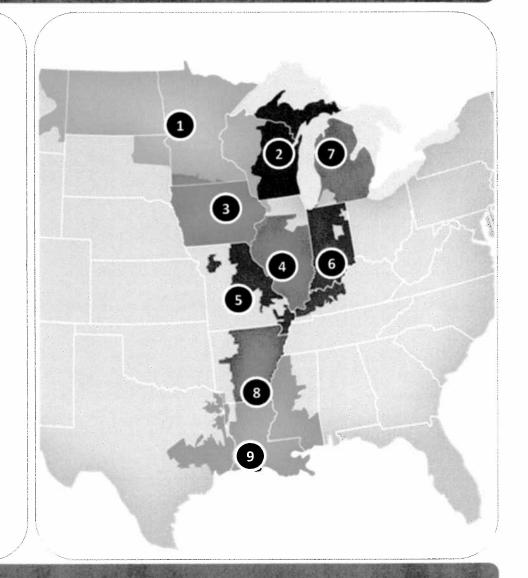
- Planning Reserve Margin (PRM)
 - 115% of installed capacity
 - 107% of expected available capacity
 - Not all capacity is created equal
- Local Reliability Requirement (LRR)

Generation needed if Zone is an island

Local Clearing Requirement (LCR)

LCR = LRR - Import Capability

If LCR or PRM not met, capacity prices are expected to increase significantly

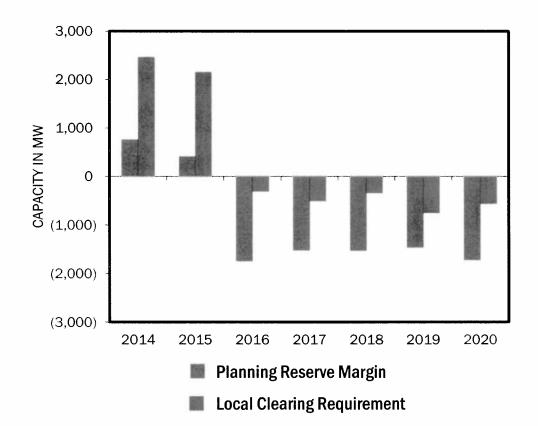


Requirements provide a cushion for our customers on the hottest summer day.

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Zone 7 Capacity Position

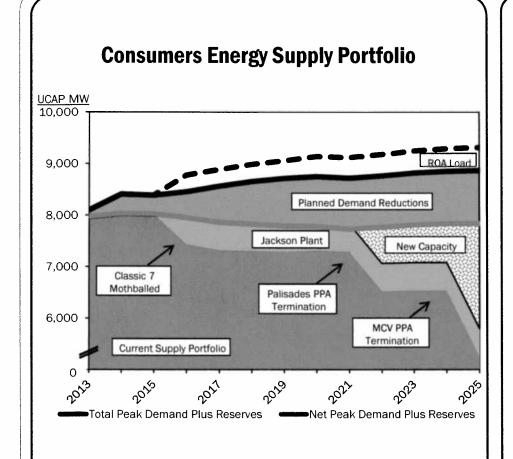
Zone 7 Capacity Position Outlook



- Reliability risk in Zone 7 in 2016
 - Excess capacity gone
 - Minimum generation requirement not met
- MISO market prices rise
- ROA customers return
 - With minimal notice
- MISO market signals are insufficient to provide long term investments

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Consumers Energy's Plan



Owned Generation 5,200 MW

- Retire Classic 7 900 MW
- Jackson Plant +540 MW
- Power Purchase Agreements
 - 2,800 MW
- Demand Side Management
 - 900 MW peak demand by 2019, of which 460 MW is energy efficiency reductions
- ROA load not in CE plan

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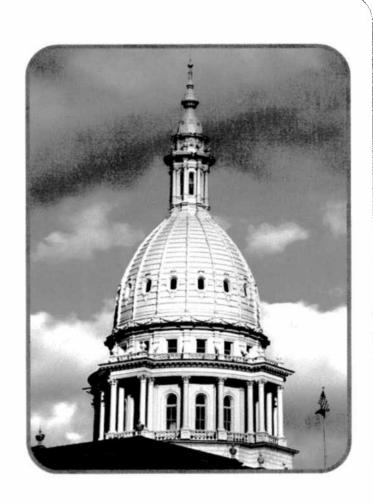
Summary

- EPA rules will shut down many coal plants by 2016
- A shortfall of capacity in Zone 7 is expected
- Market capacity prices are expected to rise to cost of a new plant
- Consumers Energy full-service customers are covered
- Shortfall appears to be with ROA customers
- ROA customers can return to full utility service with minimal notice
- Consumers Energy is currently not planning for ROA customers to return

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A "Michigan First" Energy Policy

- Address regulatory structure to stimulate new capacity investments
- Cost for new capacity needs to be borne by all that share in the benefits of reliability
- Relying on the Federal market structures will not be sufficient in meeting future energy needs
- Affordability, reliability and clean energy for Michigan families and businesses
- Flexible, responsible, cost-effective clean energy policies



Opportunity to build a sustainable, long-term energy policy for Michigan.